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An Office Action was mailed on December 13, 2006.

Claims 46-67 are pending, of which claims 46, 48, and 63 are independent claims.

All independent claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable at least over U.S. Patent No. 6,782,190 to Morito (Morito).

An interview was conducted with Examiner Jamie Vent and Attorneys for Applicants Sam Helfgott and Hassan A. Shakir on March 21 and at request of Examiner Vent with SPE Thai Tran and Attorneys for Applicants Sam Helfgott and Hassan A. Shakir on March 23.

Both Examiners are thanked for the courtesies extended.

Attorneys for Applicants presented arguments why Morito does not teach the claimed invention. Specifically, Morito was relied on by the Examiner, but failed to teach generator for generating an exclusive code and a corresponding code signal for said fresh disk, said exclusive code including data identifying the data source of the digital video signal recorded on the disk. Furthermore, Morito fails to teach a mixer for mixing said code signal.

Examiner Tran agreed that Morito failed to teach the claimed invention and withdrew the reference. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections. The Examiners indicated that a new search would be conducted and in the any event a further rejection would be issued that the rejection would be non-final.

All dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claim from which they depend.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, including any necessary extension fees, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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